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CINCPAC FOR POLAD TO PASS TO ASST. SECY. HABIB AND AMB. DEAN

REF: PHNOM PENH 16149

APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT AND CAREFUL ESTIMATE REFTEL. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR DEAN'S VIEWS, WE AGREE YOU SHOULD MEET WITH LONG BORET SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO MAKE THE POINTS IN PARA. 2 REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE POINT 2.(B) AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF YOUR JUDGMENT THAT THE QUESTION OF A NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE NEEDS FURTHER STUDY. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LONG BORET'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE GKR AND TO BRING THE KHMER MILITARY UNDER ITS FIRM CONTROL, YOU WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO LONG BORET THAT WE VIEW HIS EFFORTS AS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN LON NOL'S GOVERNMENT. WE OF COURSE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE LONG BORET THE IMPRESSION THAT WE VIEW HIM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO LON NOL. KISSINGER

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